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SELECTION CONSIGNED ON APPROVAL

To Mr. John W. Garrett, Garrett Bldg.,

Baltimore, Maryland.

TELEPHONE
ROSEDALE 469

CABLE ADDRESS
MEHL FORT WORTH

B. MAX MEHL
NUMISMATIST

Fort Worth, Texas

January 3, 1924.

Shipped Via REGISTERED (box)

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B. Max Mehl,
By M. Ferguson
Thank you

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WESTERN UNION TELEGRAM

NEWCOMB CARLTON, PRESIDENT GEORGE W. E. ATKINS, FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

Receiver's No.
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Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

Fort Worth, Texas, April 8, 1924.

Mr. John W. Garrett,
c/o Garrett Bldg.,
Baltimore, Md.

CONFIRMATION.

MAY I HAVE YOUR BIDS FOR WIGWAM MAIL. LETTER FOLLOWS.

B. MAX MEHL

Straight Telegram. PAID Charge to B. Max Mehl.

B. MAX MEHL
NUMISMATIST
MEHL BUILDING
FORT WORTH, TEXAS

April
Tenth,
19 24.

Mr. John W. Garrett,
Baltimore, Md.

My dear Mr. Garrett:-

Appreciate very much your wire of yesterday regarding the Nygren sale.

The catalogs I understand are not yet ready but as soon as they are you will undoubtedly receive one from Mr. Chapman. If not, I will see that you get one.

It is now my intention to attend the sale if nothing unforseen happens to prevent my leaving the office, especially so since your kind invitation to call on you when East. Just as soon as the catalog is distributed I shall again communicate with you and if you receive it before you hear from me I shall be glad to hear from you as to just what coins interest you. I shall stop off at Baltimore on my way East before the sale so that we may discuss personally just what items I should purchase for you.

Again thanking you, and with kind personal regards,

Cordially yours,

B. Max Mehl

BMM/MF.

B. MAX MEHL
NUMISMATIST
MEHL BUILDING
FORT WORTH, TEXAS

April
22,
19 24.

Mr. John W. Garrett,
Baltimore, Md.

My dear Mr. Garrett:-

Enclosed are confirmations of my telegrams of even date. Have already made arrangements to stop off in Baltimore on my way to Philadelphia. I shall telephone your office when I arrive and if it is convenient for you to receive me I shall be mighty glad and appreciative of the privilege.

I am sure that you realize that your bids in my care will be handled just as faithfully as if you had yourself been present at the sale. If you have not forwarded them to me here, they will be perfectly safe if already forwarded in care of the Bellevue-Stratford, Philadelphia, where I have reservation already made.

Thanking you for your kind consideration, and with very best wishes,

Yours very cordially,

BMM/MF.

Form 1204

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JOHN W GARRETT /

CARE GARRETT BLDG BALTIMORE MD

WILL ARRIVE BALTIMORE EARLY AFTERNOON MONDAY TWENTY EIGHTH PLEASE WIRE MY EXPENSE IF TIME IS SATISFACTORY TO YOU

B MAX MEHL

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April 23, 1924.

Mr. John E. Carrett, Carret Bldg.,

Baltimore, Maryland.

CONFIDENT I CAN SERVE YOU TO YOUR HIGHEST SATISFACTION WHETHER YOU PLACE YOUR BIDS NOW OR NEXT MONDAY. YOU CAN PREPARE THE BIDS AT LEISURE AND IT WILL MEAN BUT VERY SHORT TIME FOR US TO TALK THEM OVER EARLY MONDAY AFTERNOON. MY EARNEST DESIRE TO SERVE YOU IS BASED UPON MY POSITIVE KNOWLEDGE OF RENDERING YOU HIGHEST SATISFACTION. WILL BE GREATLY DISAPPOINTED IF I MISS OUT.

L. MAX MEHL.

(Fwd. PAID.
Chg. to L. Max Mehl)

Confirmation

MEMORANDUM

To

Mr. John W. Garrett,

Baltimore, Maryland.

FROM

B. Harr. Hehl
Numismatist
Hehl Building
Fort Worth, Texas

April 23, 1924.

My dear Mr. Garrett:-

Greatly appreciate your kindness in holding the bids for me as per your telegram just received. I assure you that I shall endeavor my utmost to prove worthy of your kind consideration by giving you the most conscientious service at my command.

My train is due to arrive in Baltimore at 12:10 noon and following your kind suggestion I will immediately phone you and come to your house.

Yours sincerely,

B. Harr. Hehl

Your telephone is your TELEGRAPH office
Just call the WESTERN UNION

Form 1204

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NEWCOMB CARLTON, PRESIDENT GEORGE W. E. ATKINS, FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

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JOHN W GARRETT

GARRETT BLDG BALTIMORE MD

ON ARRIVAL HERE FOUND BID FOR FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS ON LOT EIGHTY FIVE MASS CALIF HALF EAGLE WILL BUY THIS FOR YOU AS AM SURE WILL BE ABLE TO BUY OTHER LOTS FOR YOU MUCH BELOW YOUR BIDS

B MAX MEHL

906A

1,100 Blake Mass Mines

1,000 Moran C & As Mass 2d

375 Morris 1 471 Cable

The Bellevue-Stratford

Philadelphia

BELLEVUE STRATFORD COMPANY
JAMES P. A. O'CONOR, MANAGING DIRECTOR

April 30, 1924.

Mr. John W. Garrett,
Garrett Building,
Baltimore, Md.

My dear Mr. Garrett:

Here is a report of the purchases I made for you at the Nygren sale:

Lot	63	$ 280.00
"	85	510.00
"	114	185.00
"	125	225.00
"	152	400.00
"	375	10.25
"	375a	4.25
"	421	47.00

You will note that lot 88 was not secured by you. It was sold for $305.00 to Mr. Guttag, who afterwards told me that he originally intended to pay not over $200.00, but having been disappointed in not getting some of the other rare patterns, he decided to buy this piece. But, personally, I believe that he regrets the purchase.

Remembering what you told me with regard to your desire to obtain mostly the patterns, types of which do not exist, or are not known in gold, and feeling that this particular coin was not worth more than $250. to about $300., since it's same design brings no more in gold, I did not feel justified in running the coin up to a higher price for you, although I realize that from the amount alloted for the entire purchase, there is now sufficient funds remaining to have purchased this piece. So, for that reason I am going to New York tonight and see whether or not I can obtain the coin for you at a slight advance over the purchase price.

I hope very much that as a whole you will be pleased with the service I rendered.

As you know, I am in the midst of issuing an auction catalogue and as mentioned to you, personally, it is necessary for me to be home by Monday morning, so with this trip to New York it will be impossible for me to stop off at Baltimore. I hope, therefore, that it will be perfectly satisfactory to you if the lots are forwarded to you immediately upon my return home.

Trusting that you are improving in your health and thanking you very kindly for the cordial hospitality extended me and also for the confidence in placing your commissions with me, I am, with kind personal regards,

Yours very cordially,

P.S. You will note that I purchased lot 375 and also 375a, the later lot not being catalogued, but was put up during the progress of the sale. As this additional lot is a "mate" to the coin in 375, I thought that you would want the set. Hope that my judgment was correct.

B. MAX MEHL
NUMISMATIST
MEHL BUILDING
FORT WORTH, TEXAS

May
5,
19 24.

Mr. John W. Garrett,
Baltimore, Maryland.

My dear Mr. Garrett:-

Pleased to send you by prepaid express, addressed to your office, the purchases I made for you at the Nygren Sale and trust they will reach you without delay and open up to your entire satisfaction.

Did not purchase for you in New York the Miner's Bank $10.00 in copper. The owner wanted a high price for it, thinking that I was anxious to get it. And as expressed in my letter to you from Philadelphia, I feel that the price for this piece is entirely out of all proportions to its value in comparison with the other rare Pioneer Patterns. Regardless whether or not there was funds to purchase this piece, but I felt that there was no necessity of paying so much more for the coin than it was worth and I believe that you will agree with me in this. Regardless how rare a Pattern may be, surely it is not worth as much as the specimen in the original metal. I should think from $200.00 to $250.00 would be the very most that this coin should bring. I hope very much that all this meets with your approval.

Am also sending you under separate cover by First Class Mail a copy of the catalog with prices marked showing the amounts realized for the principle lots in the Sale. The unpriced lots are those which I did not keep a record of as I did not think they were of sufficient interest.

Only returned home yesterday afternoon. But within the next day or two I will write you with regard to the duplicate coins you have, as I feel that I can use the lot.

Following your instructions I am addressing the catalog and also the coins to your office.

Again thanking you very kindly for the courtesies extended me, and assuring you of my deep appreciation and desire to merit same, I am,

Yours very cordially,

BMM/MF.

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SELECTION CONSIGNED ON APPROVAL

To Mr. John W. Garrett,

Garrett Building, Baltimore, Md.

B. MAX MEHL
NUMISMATIST

Fort Worth, Texas

TELEPHONE
ROSEDALE 4691

CABLE ADDRESS
MEHL FORT WORTH

Shipped Via PREPAID EXPRESS. May 5, 1924.

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NO.	DESCRIPTION	PRICE	NO.	DESCRIPTION	PRICE
	Purchases Made at Nygren Sale, April 29, 1924.				
	Lot No. 63,	$280.00			
	Lot No. 85,	510.00			
	Lot No. 114,	185.00			
	Lot No. 125,	225.00			
	Lot No. 152,	400.00			
	Lot No. 375,	10.25			
	Lot No. 375a,	4.25			
	Lot No. 421,	47.00			
		$1661.50			
	Commission, 5%,	83.07			
		$1744.57			

MAY 23 1924
RECEIVED PAYMENT
B. Max Mehl
M. Ferguson
Thank you

MEMORANDUM

Mr. John W. Garrett,
Baltimore, Maryland.

FROM

B. Max Mehl
Numismatist
Mehl Building
Fort Worth, Texas

May 8, 1924.

My dear Mr. Garrett:-

In compliance with my promise made you while in your home, I am pleased to give you herewith the name and address of Mr. Edward B. Morgan, 415 First National Bank, Denver, Colorado.

This gentleman is interested in and has quite a collection of the Pattern or Trial pieces of Colorado private gold coinage. I doubt whether he would dispose of any of them but you may communicate with him, telling him that I had given you his name and address.

Trusting that you are enjoying good health, and with kind personal regards,

Yours sincerely,

B. Max Mehl

B. MAX MEHL
NUMISMATIST

IMPORTER of and DEALER in
RARE COINS, MEDALS and PAPER MONEY
of ALL COUNTRIES and PERIODS

Approval Department

Fort Worth, Texas

May
9,
19 24.

Mr. John W. Garrett,
Baltimore, Maryland.

My dear Mr. Garrett:-

Here is the first result of my efforts to obtain for you some of the coins as per your Want List you placed with me.

The price on the enclosed piece however, is not as reasonable as I had hoped to be able to make it, but as the piece is in such fine state of preservation the owner would not part with it for a lower price.

In this connection I want to take advantage of your kind offer to submit me now all of your duplicate coins, a list of which you gave me. I want to go over them carefully and advise you just what I can do with the entire lot. I shall be glad to go over them and advise you what I will pay for them in cash, analyzing each and every piece, giving my reason for the price on each coin and then if you prefer, I shall be glad to handle them for you.

As I am contemplating issuing a COIN CIRCULAR shortly, if I find it at all possible, I would like to have these coins here at your earliest possible convenience.

Thanking you in advance,

Yours very cordially,

B. Max Mehl

BMM/MF.

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MAIL ADDRESS
P. O. DRAWER 976

SELECTION CONSIGNED ON APPROVAL

To Mr. John W. Garrett, Garrett Bldg.,

Baltimore, Maryland.

TELEPHONE
ROSEDALE 4611

CABLE ADDRESS
MEHL FORT WORTH

B. MAX MEHL
NUMISMATIST

Fort Worth, Texas

Shipped Via REGISTERED. May 9, 1924.

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NO.	DESCRIPTION	PRICE	NO.	DESCRIPTION	PRICE
	1860 Clark, Gruber & Co., $20.00. Copper. Very fine. About as good as obtainable.	$37.50			
	1860 Same as last but only fair,	10.00			
		$47.50			

May 15, 1924.

Dear Mr. Mehl;

I am very much pleased with the way you executed my bids at the Rygren sale and am enclosing you herewith my check for the pieces you bought for me there. I am very much obliged for the price catalogue.

I am sending you under separate registered cover the duplicates from my collection about which we talked and about which you wrote me. The list I gave you shows from which collection (the Ellsworth or the Garrett) these pieces came.

Many of the pieces, especially the New Jersey cents and the small California pieces are in boxes from the Ellsworth collection though in some cases pieces from my father's collection have been substituted for the Ellsworth pieces. This is shown clearly in the list I gave you but I call your attention to it because as a result, the description of the condition of the coins and in some cases the price marked on the boxes do not describe the actual piece I am sending you.

I feel, in regard to these coins, especially a few of them of high value, that I should prefer to wait and hold them in my collection rather than sell them now at a sacrifice. I have sold all the other duplicates from the Ellsworth collection practically at the prices I paid for them, which were somewhat less than the prices paid originally paid by Mr. Ellsworth, less 10% which went to the dealer to sell them for me as his commission and only that I may come out even on the duplicates as a whole, which is what I am trying to do, I can not afford to sacrifice any of the pieces I am sending you. I am returning the Clark patterns you sent me. I have nine of these patterns all proof, and I am not very anxious to get one piece that is missing except in proof. I was offered the $10 and $20 pieces of 1860 patterns by a dealer in 1921 for $13.25. They were in very fine condition but I did not take them. The same dealer offered me the pattern of 1861, the $20, $10 and $5 in white metal, exceedingly fine for $30.

I am much obliged to you for sending me Mr. Morgan's name and address.

Very truly yours,

B. Max Mehl, Esq.,
Fort Worth, Texas.

B. MAX MEHL
NUMISMATIST

IMPORTER of and DEALER in
RARE COINS, MEDALS and PAPER MONEY
of ALL COUNTRIES and PERIODS

Approval Department

Fort Worth, Texas

May 16, 19 24.

Mr. John W. Garrett,
Baltimore, Md.

My dear Mr. Garrett:-

The enclosed item just came in and thought it would prove of much interest to you. This piece is originally from the Gilhousen collection. It is, I believe, one of the earliest impressions of the original $50.00 Slug die, as it still has the Kuner name below eagle. It is the only specimen I have ever handled.

Trust that you are very much improved in health and shall be pleased to hear from you at your earliest convenience.

With kind personal regards,

Yours very cordially,

BMM/MF.

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B. MAX MEHL
NUMISMATIST

Fort Worth, Texas

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NO.	DESCRIPTION	PRICE	NO.	DESCRIPTION	PRICE
	1852 Trial piece in silver, of the $50.00 gold piece. Perfect. Very rare.	$50.00			

May 20, 1924.

Dear Mr. Mehl:

I think I should like to keep the silver impression of the California slug, but I wonder if you could not get it for me for a more reasonable price than $50. According to Adams, in describing this piece, the obverse die was rescued from the San Francisco fire and turned up in Los Angeles and has been used to make impressions similar to the one you send me as well as on souvenir spoons. It looks therefore as if there may be any number of these impressions and practically that there is no limit to the number that may be struck in the future. Will you see what you can do.

Very truly yours,

B. Max Mehl, Esq.,
Mehl Building,
Fort Worth, Texas.

B. MAX MEHL
NUMISMATIST
MEHL BUILDING
FORT WORTH, TEXAS

May
23,
19 24.

Mr. John W. Garrett,
Baltimore, Maryland.

My dear Mr. Garrett:-

Received both of your letters under date of the 13th and 20th inst., for which I thank you.

What I'm more thankful for however, is your kindness in telling me that my services rendered you were entirely satisfactory to you and I appreciate this very much indeed, as I endeavored so diligently to serve you most conscientiously.

Your duplicate coins were delivered to me yesterday and as I have quite a large sale on next Tuesday, the 27th, I am fairly snowed under with work. And right after the Sale I'm leaving for a weeks trip to Kansas City. I wondered whether I would be imposing upon your good nature too much if I delayed making a report on these coins until my return from Kansas City, as I want to consider these different items carefully as I feel confident that I can handle them for you either direct or otherwise to your entire satisfaction. As you know, I handled, I believe, all of Mr. Newcomer's duplicates, which amounted up to $20,000.00, at one time.

Regarding to your favor of the 20th inst., referring to the silver impression of the California Slug, this came from the Gilhousen collection and is the only impression of this kind that I have ever seen or handled. I do not know of another. Of course, this does not mean that I claim the piece to be unique, but I do believe that it is quite scarce. I feel however, that you know more about these pieces than I do, and therefore, if you think the price a little high for it, kindly tell me whether or not you think, say, $40.00 would be a fair price. If so, I am sure I can arrange to let you have it at that price.

Again thanking you, and trusting that you are improving in your health, I am, with kind personal regards,

Cordially yours,

BMM/MF.

May 26, 1924.

Dear Mr. Mehl:

I am in no hurry about the duplicates I sent you the other day. The only thing is I am leaving Baltimore about the middle of June and am going abroad on the 2nd of July so if you have any suggestion to make, I must hear from you before the former date.

Although I am rather afraid of the silver slug, I do want it in my collection and I am sending you my check herewith for it. If you can still come down on the price I should appreciate it very much.

Very truly yours,

B. Max Mehl, Esq.,
Mehl Building,
Fort Worth, Texas.

B. MAX MEHL
NUMISMATIST
FORT WORTH, TEXAS

May
27,
19 24.

Mr. John W. Garrett,
Baltimore, Md.

My dear Mr. Garrett:-

Under separate cover, by prepaid express, I am taking the liberty of submitting you two ancient gold medallions which have been placed with me to be sold. I am sending the coins to you in their original wrapper as they came to me from the owner, from which you will note that he paid a total of $1900.00 for the two, but being in need of funds, is willing to sell them at a little loss. The record and past history of these pieces you can readily verify them.

Of course, these are sent you on approval with my guarantee of absolute genuineness. And as regards their great rarity, I am sure that you know more about them than I do. Shall be glad to have you give them your careful consideration and report to me at your convenience.

It is necessary for me to get $1,650.00 for the two. Will await your opinion regarding these with a great deal of interest.

With kind regards,

Yours very cordially,

B. Max Mehl

BMM/MF.

MEMORANDUM

To

Mr. John W. Garrett,

Baltimore, Md.

FROM

B. Max. Mehl
Numismatist
Mehl Building
Fort Worth, Texas

May 31, 1924.

My dear Mr. Garrett:-

Thank you for your good letter of the 26th inst. enclosing remittance for $40.00 in payment for the silver copy of the Slug. Regret that it is impossible for me to make a lower price on it but I feel confident that you will find the piece a desirable specimen for your collection. But if at any time you find the piece is not what it should be, or that you dod not care for it, kindly return it and the purchase price will be immediately refunded.

Note carefully what you say with regard to the coins you have with me. Am leaving for Kansas City tomorrow, to be gone a week and promptly upon my return will make a complete report to you.

With kind regards,

Yours very cordially,

B. Max Mehl

B. MAX MEHL
NUMISMATIST
MEHL BUILDING
FORT WORTH, TEXAS

June
Eleventh,
1 9 2 4.

Mr. John W. Garrett,
Baltimore, Md.

My dear Mr. Garrett:-

Just returned to the city and spent this morning in going over carefully the coins you so kindly submitted to me.

As you understand that I buy to sell again, I must base my buying prices on prevailing auction or market records, as collectors base their buying prices of me on the records made at the various sales. In coins, as in everything else, prices fluctuate from time to time, due to the supply and demand. It is not always that we can pay the highest price for certain items.

I divided your selection of coins in two sections, one which I can use outright for immediate purchase and the others I shall be pleased to have you leave with me to be sold at your prices less the 10% commission.

The following coins I can use for immediate purchase:

Colorado, 1860 $20.00 gold
Colorado, 1861 $20.00 gold
Georgia, $5.00 gold
California, 1848, $2.50
Moffat, 1852, $10.00
Washington, naked bust cent
New York Cent, Non Vi Virtute
Newbie Silver Farthing
Georgia, $2.50, 64 G.
North Carolina, $5.00, 150 G.
Pine Tree Shilling, Crosby 4-F

The total average recent auction record for the above mentioned coins is $1,341.90. I would buy this lot at the record price less 10%, which I think you will agree is a fair offer from any Dealer, and is more, naturally, than the lot would net you if sold at auction.

The 1860 Pikes Peak $20. brought $550.00 at the Nygren Sale; The 1861 $20. of this issue brought from $150.00 to $220.00:

The rare North Carolina $5.00 gold piece brought $280.00 and $240.00 each respectively: The Washington Cent in the Ten Eyck Sale brought $82.50: The Moffat, 1852, $10.00 I bought two of these at the Nygren Sale for $30.00 and $46.00 each respectively: So from the above you will see that I am allowing you as much and a little more than the coins would net you if sold at auction at any market in the country.

The other pieces I shall be glad to have you leave with me, if convenient to you, and let me advertise them, at my own expense of course.

Kindly give this your careful consideration, after which I believe you will find my offer a fair and liberal one.

Anticipating the pleasure of hearing from you at your convenience,

Cordially yours,

BMM/MF.

C O P Y.

June 16, 1924.

Dear Mr. Mehl:

I have your letter of June 11th. The prices mentioned by you for the coins that you could take for immediate purchase are so much below the figures that I hope to get for them that I think it would be unwise for me to let them go at this time. It is possible that the market has been somewhat overdone recently, particularly in Pioneer coins and as I am not at all in a hurry to sell these pieces at a great sacrifice, I should prefer to wait until new collectors turn up with a desire for them. I am leaving in a few days for Europe and shall not be back until November.

I shall be glad if you can sell any of the coins which I have sent you at the prices quoted originally by me, I to pay you 10% on all sales. You can let me know in November what success you have had and either return the unsold coins to me or we can come to some other arrangement. If you do not care to do this, I shall be much obliged if you will send the coins to me here, in care of Mr. C. C. Fawcett, who will take charge of them until my return.

Yours very truly,

(Signed) J. W. Garrett.

September 5, 1924.

Mr. B. Max Mehl,

Fort Worth,

Texas.

Dear Sir:-

Before Mr. John W. Garrett sailed the early partoof July, he advised me that you were to send him a package of coins sometime during July. To date those coins have not been received and I am writing to ask that you forward them at once in order that I may carry out Mr. Garrett's instructions regarding same.

Yours very truly,

S. Secretary to Mr. Garrett.

B. MAX MEHL
NUMISMATIST
MEHL BUILDING
FORT WORTH, TEXAS

September
Eighth,
1 9 2 4.

Mr. G. P. Simpson,
Baltimore, Md.

Dear Mr. Simpson:-

In response to your kind note of the 5th inst., Mr. Garrett in his letter to me under date of June 16th, advised me that if I cared to, I could keep his coins until his return in November and in the meantime endeavor to sell them for him on terms as outlined by him. This I am endeavoring to do and have met with some little success so far, but as the Season is just beginning I hope to be more successful by the time he returns.

You undoubtedly have a copy of Mr. Garrett's letter to me under date of June 16th last. If not, I shall be glad to send you a copy of it.

I trust this will be entirely satisfactory to you.

Cordially yours,

BMM/MF.

September 16, 1924.

Mr. B. Max Mehl,
Fort Worth,
Texas.

Dear Mr. Mehl:-

Replying to your letter of the 8th instant, I wish to advise that the instructions given by Mr. Garrett regarding the coins with you were that you would send them here in the early part of July, and he has confirmed this in a letter written last month in Europe inquiring about the matter. Unfortunately, I have not a copy of his letter to you of June 16th last as I was in the hospital at the time due to an automobile accident, and copies of letters written then do not seem to have found their way into the files.

Yours very truly,

S. Secretary to Mr. Garrett.

B. MAX MEHL
NUMISMATIST
MEHL BUILDING
FORT WORTH, TEXAS

September
19,
1 9 2 4.

Mr. G. P. Simpson,
Baltimore, Md.

Dear Mr. Simpson:-

As per your kind suggestion contained in your favor of the 16th inst., I herewith enclose copy of the letter from Mr. Garrett referred to in my previous letter and trust this will prove satisfactory.

As Mr. Garrett was leaving just about the time he wrote the letter, I did not think it was necessary to acknowledge or answer it as my reply would not have reached him before he left and, of course, did not want to bother him with any correspondence while he was abroad.

Most of the coins left with me will be offered by me in my COIN CIRCULAR to be issued the first of the month and I hope for some good results.

Yours very cordially,

BMM/MF.

B. MAX MEHL
NUMISMATIST

IMPORTER of and DEALER in
RARE COINS, MEDALS and PAPER MONEY
of ALL COUNTRIES and PERIODS

Approval Department

Fort Worth, Texas November 3rd, 1924

Dear Mr. Garrett:-

AT LAST - Here's a Long-Felt-Want Supplied - And Supplied Cheaply.

A copy of Daughty's on the Early U. S. Cents, which originally sold, I believe, at $1.00, recently brought THIRTY DOLLARS at auction! A copy of Hazeltine's Type Tables on Early U. S. Silver sold for TWENTY DOLLARS in one of my recent Sales! A copy of Low's book on Jackson Cents, which originally sold at $1.00, brought THIRTEEN DOLLARS!

And one of the most popular and useful of these rare books is Andrew's on the U. S. Cents of 1816 to 1857.

THEREFORE, - - in response to many requests from collectors, I have decided to reprint Andrew's work on the Cents of 1816 to 1857. This book, as you know, was first published over forty years ago, but is today the standard authority on the subject, listing and describing over four hundred fifty varieties of the large copper cents from 1816 to 1857. But owing to the rarity of this book, so few collectors can avail themselves of the interesting study and collecting of the varieties of these U. S. Cents.

Numismatic books as a whole have been entirely too high. So just to see whether or not my theory is correct, I am spending several hundred dollars in reprinting this book and now offer them at a price within the reach of every collector - at just one dollar per copy!

Whether or not you are a collector of large cents, you'll enjoy and appreciate this book, especially so at this low price. Either way you consider it, you'll agree that it's a fine buy for you.

The issue is limited, so better order right now and avoid disappointment. It's not necessary for you to write a special letter. Just pin your remittance, check or cash, to this letter, write your name, and mail it to me in the enclosed return envelope.

Yours very cordially,

B.M.M.

NOTE:
You'll soon find that it's not a bad idea for you to buy two or more copies of this book NOW, - while you can get them.

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COLLECTIONS OF COINS AND SINGLE RARE PIECES PURCHASED FOR CASH OR CATALOGUED AND SUCCESSFULLY SOLD AT AUCTION ON LIBERAL TERMS

November
22,
1 9 2 4.

Dear Mr. Garrett:-

I forgot to tell you in my letter of November 3rd that my reprint of Andrew's book on the U. S. Cents contains -

Forty (40) MORE Varieties

than listed in the original issue. Therefore, even if you were lucky enough to own an original copy, this issue is now even more necessary for you to own.

This is one time in my young life when I feel that I am really and truly doing something for Numismatics, - making it possible for every collector to get an almost unobtainable book, which was valued up to $35.00, for just One Dollar. Surely you cannot afford not to own this new edition. Remember, that your possession of this book, posting you on the different varieties and values of the Cents, will mean many an extra dollar added to the value of your collection.

My offer of this heretofore unobtainable Standard Authority on the U. S. Cents, for only $1.00, is the best buy you have ever had offered you!

Take advantage of it now, rather than be sorry later. Your investment is so small and your returns so great. Sign your name on the margin of this letter and pin a dollar to it and mail it in the enclosed return envelope. You'll be glad that you did.

Thanking you in advance,

Yours very cordially,

B. Max Mehl

BMM/MF.

December 9,.1924.

Mr. B. Max Mehl,
Fort Worth,
Texas.

Dear Sir:-

I enclose herewith my check for $1.00 for which I should be very much obliged if you would send me a copy of your edition of Andrews's work on the cents of 1816 to 1857.

Have you anything to report in regard to the coins I sent you for sale?

Yours very truly,

JWG/S

B. MAX MEHL
NUMISMATIST
MEHL BUILDING
FORT WORTH, TEXAS

December
Twelfth,
1 9 2 4.

Mr. John W. Garrett,
Baltimore, Md.

My dear Mr. Garrett:-

Thank you very much for your kind note of the 9th inst. enclosing your order for a copy of Andrews'. This book will be off the press Monday noon and a copy will be promptly sent you.

Have been waiting to hear from you before making a report on the coins you have with me.

Am just getting over the rush of a sale held this week and am planning for a hurried trip East next week, so if I'm not taking too much advantage of your good nature, if I find it impossible to make a report before I leave, I will make complete report immediately upon my return.

My trip East may probably take me to Baltimore and I will take pleasure in telephoning you when in your city and if convenient to yourself, shall be pleased to call on you, as since last seeing you I have secured the fine collection of Pioneer gold I mentioned to you and this collection may contain some items of interest to you.

With kindest regards,

Yours very cordially,

B. Max Mehl

BMM/MF.

B. MAX MEHL
NUMISMATIST
MEHL BUILDING
FORT WORTH, TEXAS

January
Eighth,
1 9 2 5.

Mr. John W. Garrett,
Baltimore, Maryland.

My dear Mr. Garrett:-

As you will recall, when I visited you last Spring, and when you mentioned the particular varieties of the pioneer gold that interested you, I then told you that I knew of a Conway & Co. $5.00 gold piece and that I would endeavor to secure it for you.

You will, therefore, I am sure, be interested to know that my negotiations have gotten to a point where the owner is in the mood to sell, and at a price which I believe to be consistent with its great rarity. (Only three or four are known, including the specimen in the Mint Collection).

Delayed writing you a few days as I wanted to submit the coin to you. This I am doing today, by prepaid express, and trust the coin will reach you without delay. Upon examination you will find the coin, I believe, as choice a specimen as any of the other two or three known specimens.

Of course, it is not necessary for me to tell you anything about the great rarity of this coin. You know about it as much as I do. There is only one record of auction sale of this coin, thirteen years ago (1908), where it brought $3,200.00. A little later, I understand a specimen sold to a Western collector for $4,000.00. In fact, before mentioning this coin to you, I placed myself in the position as your representative. I analyzed its great rarity as a purchase from my point of view. In other words, I weighed carefully every phase of its rarity, value, etc. as though I were buying it for myself. I placed it in comparison with all the great numismatic rarities of the world and I could find very few to surpass it or even equal it in rarity and value.

But then your knowledge of the pioneer series is such that it is not necessary for me to tell you about this great coin. Suffice it to mention that during the past twenty years

I have spent more than $75,000.00 for numismatic advertising. This Season's expenditure alone is over $14,000.00. Then too, nearly every year I circularize each and every one of the more than thirty thousand banks in the United States and Canada. But through all these years, although other great rarities were unearthed, not a single specimen of this great coin appeared. Therefore, the opportunity to secure this great rarity now certainly justifies the expression that its purchase truly represents "the chance of a life time".

The price first asked for this coin was $4,000.00, but after an exchange of correspondence I am able to make you a price of $3,500.00 which, I believe after you will kindly consider the coin and compare it with other great rarities, records, etc. you will recognize the price as fair and consistent with the value of the coin.

As mentioned to you over the telephone while in New York, while this transaction would be on a cash basis as far as the owner is concerned, but in order to make the deal, I would consider to accept as part payment some of the duplicate coins from those you have with me, as listed in my letter to you of June 11th. These coins I will accept at their present auction prices, not deducting any commission from them. I enclose a duplicate list of the coins I could use. The average current auction price for this list of coins is $1,341.90. I will allow you $1,500.00 for this lot on the purchase of the Conway coin. This, together with the fair price for the coin, will, I believe, be recognized by you as a most advantageous purchase for you.

Shall be pleased to have your opinion at your convenience.

Yours very cordially,

BMM/MF.

B. MAX MEHL
NUMISMATIST
MEHL BUILDING
FORT WORTH, TEXAS

January
Eighth,
1 9 2 5.

My dear Mr. Garrett:-

The list of coins I would accept as part payment on the Conway coin is as follows:

~~Georgia~~ Colo, 1860, $20.00 gold	650	550
Colorado, 1861, $20.00 gold	[illegible]	220
Georgia, $5.00 gold	5[illegible]	
California, 1848, $2.50	50	
Moffat, 1852, $10.00	75	46
Washington, naked bust cent	200	82
New York Cent, Non Vi Virtute	125	
Newbie Silver Farthing	20	
Georgia, $2.50, 64 G	80	
North Carolina, $5.00, 150 G	750	280
Pine Tree Shilling, Crosby 4-F	36	
	2541	
	2287	

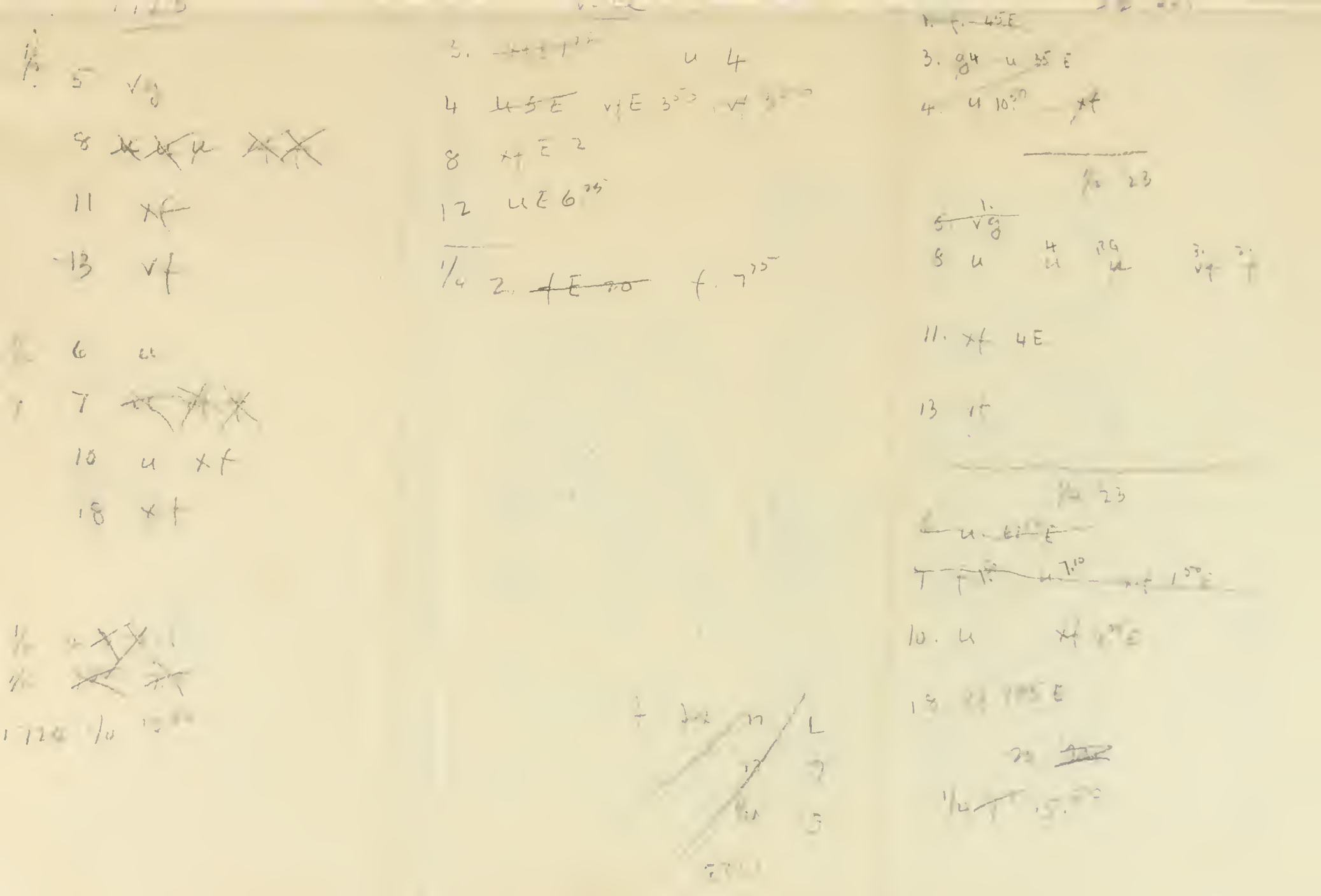
The total average current auction record for these coins is $1,341.90. In my letter of last June, I offered to accept these coins at this price less 10% commission, but on a trade for the Conway, I would accept the lot and allow you a credit of $1,500.00, which as you can readily realize, is more than the coins would net you if sold at auction at any market.

As mentioned in my letter of the above date, the 1860 Pikes Peak $20.00 brought $550.00 at the Nygren Sale: The 1861 $20.00, $150.00 to $220.00: The rare North Carolina $5.00 coin brought $280.00 and $240.00 each respectively: The Washington Naked Bust Cent brought $82.50: The Moffat 1852 $10.00 brought $30.00 and $46.00 each, (I purchased these myself). As I buy to sell again, and as collectors, as you know, invariably use records as a price basis, you will therefore appreciate, I am sure, that my offer is fair and consistent when such offer is based and is in keeping with the full average current market prices.

Yours very cordially,

B. Max Mehl

BMM/MF.



January 21, 1925.

Mr. B. Max Mehl,
Fort Worth,
Texas.

Dear Mr. Mehl:-

I have your letter of January 8th in regard to the Conway coin and have given it very careful consideration. Frankly, I do not feel disposed to make so great a sacrifice as you suggest in connection with certain of my coins that you arewwilling to take in part payment, and I also feel that the price of the Conway is somewhat higher than it ought to be. I have figured the matter out very carefully and this is my conclusion:

The price you offer for the 11 pieces that you are willing to take in part payment is somewhat less than 60% of the prices I had put upon them. At the same rate of 60% if you took all of the 51 pieces I sent you your offer would amount to $2208.00.

Value placed by me on the 51 coins less 10% - -	$3313.00
60% of $3681.00 - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	2208.00
Difference -	$1105.00

If you could see your way to split the difference by taking all of my coins now in your care for $2700.00, I would be willing to pay $500.00 in cash, making $3200.00 the price quoted for the Conway piece.

Very truly yours,

JWG/S

B. MAX MEHL
NUMISMATIST
MEHL BUILDING
FORT WORTH, TEXAS

January 27, 1925.

Mr. John W. Garrett,
Baltimore, Maryland.

My dear Mr. Garrett:-

Read your letter of the 21st inst. with much interest.

It is not necessary for me to tell you that coins, as all other commodities, are subject to market fluctuations. While the coins you have with me were taken in by you at a higher rate than a dealer could now afford to pay for them, but undoubtedly in the purchase of the collection there were a great number of coins that were taken in at a much lower price than their present market value.

In making you my offer for some of the coins you have with me, I did not simply make an offer for them but endeavored to explain my reason for the amount of my offer. You will please note that I am offering you more for the coins than they could possibly net you at any market in the country. Of the other coins you have with me, some would even be too high for me to handle at the discount mentioned by you. Also, if the Conway coin would have been my own property, on which there would have been a good margin of profit, I could have probably stretched a point or two in making a larger offer for your duplicates, but as I am only selling this coin for another collector and my commission is very nominal, therefore the accepting of your duplicates would simply mean an outlay of that amount of cash by me, and I can therefore only consider them as a purchase by me. As you know, I am just as anxious to buy as I am to sell and if I could possibly have seen any margin of profit in it at all, or even an opportunity to come out even on the transaction, I would have been mighty glad to accede to your kind suggestion. But this would mean an investment on my part, and in order to get money out of it I would be obliged to re-sell your coins. I cannot, in view of their present market records, hope to get more than I offered for them. I'm sure if you will kindly consider this carefully, you will find my offer a liberal one.

I note where you say that the Conway piece was quoted at $3,200.00. According to my records, the price I placed in my letter of January 28th was $3,500.00. This is about $500.00 less than its record.

However, I am anxious to serve you in this instance and have again gone over your coins carefully and although I cannot increase my offer on the coins mentioned in my former letter, I realize however, that it is your desire to dispose of all the duplicates you have with me. Therefore, after carefully considering each and every item separately, I find that the very best I could do on the proposition would be to accept all the duplicate you have with me and a remittance from you for $1,000.00. This would bring down considerably the price of the Conway piece to you. It would simply mean that it would be necessary for me to sell your duplicates in order to get my money out of it, as I am, of course, obliged to remit the amount of the Conway coin to the owner.

I cannot help but feel that after you consider this matter carefully, you will realize that this is a most advantageous opportunity for you to secure one of the greatest rarities of the pioneer series.

With kind personal regards,

Yours sincerely,

BMM/MF.

B. MAX MEHL
NUMISMATIST
MEHL BUILDING
FORT WORTH, TEXAS

February 20, 1925.

Mr. John W. Garrett,
Baltimore, Md.

Dear Mr. Garrett:-

Please pardon my slight delay in acknowledging receipt of your last letter enclosing remittance for $1,000.00 in settlement of your account to date.

I am quite sure that the coins will always prove a gratifying source of possession to you.

The Conway piece you have originally came, I believe, from the Granberg Collection, purchased by Mr. Woodin and then purchased by Mr. Newcomer, of whom I purchased all of his duplicates when he purchased the Granberg Pioneer Collection about twelve years or so ago.

While the transaction is closed of course, but I trust that you are satisfied and I am pleased to tell you that I am, but just for your information I enclose a letter from a gentleman whom I consider as good an authority on the American Colonial coins as there is in the country. Also enclose a copy of the invoice I sent of some of the coins, pricing them to him at just the prices you had marked. His comment is interesting. While I hardly agree with him as to the total value of this lot, but he is not very far wrong. I am merely doing this to show you that I always endeavor to serve you fairly and to allow every possible valuation on coins that may be submitted to me.

When you are through with the original letter of Mr. Wurtzbach, will appreciate your kindly returning it as, of course, it is essential for my records.

Cordially yours,

BMM./MF.

Please return the Wurtzbach letter

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ROBERT GARRETT & SONS

MEMO:

DATE:

Feb '25

Dear Bill Nichol

We, as Executors of my father's Estate, are instructed to retain 1/20th share of the £2" Ordinary Shares in Woking & Sons valued at £600 on the basis of the Company now quoted by you. Other Executors in this Estate feel justified in offering for these shares — at least £1 per share — £300 in all. Can you let us have your comments on this difference between us as soon as possible please.

Yours faithfully

PS I should be much obliged if you would let me have the name & address of the Company Secretary of [illegible]

February 25, 1925.

Mr. Waldo Newcomer,
The Baltimore Trust Company,
Baltimore, Md.

Dear Mr. Newcomer:-

I bought a Conway $5.00 gold piece a little while ago from Mr. Mehl, and in reply as to where it originally came from he tells me

> " The Conway piece you have originally came from the Cranberg collection purchased by Mr. Woodin and then purchased by Mr. Newcomer of whom I purchased all of the duplicates when he purchased the Cranberg Pioneer collection about 12 years or so ago."

I like to keep a history of any numberpieces in my collection, and I should appreciate it very much if you could tell me whether this piece came from the Cranberg collection, or whether the one you kept is the one from that collection, and the names of any other collections it has, as far as you know, been in.

Sincerely yours,

JWG/S

February 25, 1925.

Mr. B. Max Mehl,
Fort Worth,
Texas.

Dear Mr. Mehl:-

I have your letter of February 10th with its enclosure which I read with interest and which I am returning to you as you request.

Yours very truly,

JWG/S

Encl.

Waldo Newcomer

Newcomer & Co.
National Exchange Bank Building
Baltimore.

February 27, 1925

Mr. John W. Garrett,
Garrett Building,
City

Dear Mr. Garrett:

Replying to your letter of 25th inst., when I purchased the Granberg collection I sold Mr. Mehl a Conway piece that was originally Granberg's, retaining one that I had purchased from Elder a number of years back. I have no further information regarding the history of the piece.

Mr. Mehl is not quite correct in saying that he purchased all the duplicates of the Granberg collection, as I sold quite a number of them through Adams, then selling the residue to Mehl, but he was perfectly honest in making the statement.

Very truly yours,

April 18, 1925.

Mr. B. Max Mehl,
Fort Worth,
Texas.

Dear Mr. Mehl:-

Mr. Garrett has received your catalogue of the forthcoming sale of Pioneer Gold and hopes to be able in a few days to go over it carefully and see whether there are any items in it on which he might wish to bid.

He is interested in item No. 12, the Shultz & Company half eagle, and he will probably want to bid on it, but this piece is not illustrated in the catalogue, nor is anything said about its condition. Please advise him its exact condition as soon as you can.

Yours very truly,

S. Secretary to Mr. Garrett.

B. MAX MEHL
NUMISMATIST
FORT WORTH TEXAS

The "Romance
of the
Pioneer Sale"

April
[illegible],
19[illegible].

Mr. John W. Garrett,
Baltimore, Md.

My dear Mr. Garrett:-

Thank you for your kind note of the 18th inst. received from your Mr. Simpson.

Glad to know that you are interested in the Shults & Co. Half Eagle and am pleased to give you the desired information.

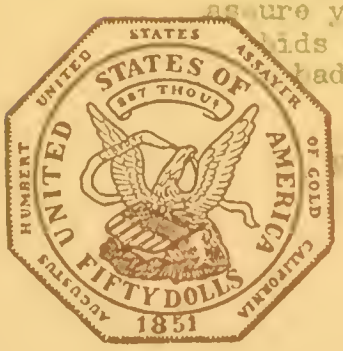
Although I gave so much time and thought to the production of my catalog of the Judge Slack Collection, I let a few oversights slip by me just the same, but I presume that's only human.

The state of preservation of the Shults Half Eagle can be classed easily as strictly very good to fine. And considering its great rarity, I am sure that most collectors would class it as fine. It has a small, hardly perceptible nick or light dent on obverse edge. Otherwise, it is free from any other nicks or dents. It shows the average even usual circulation, the firm name, SHULTS & CO. on diadem, is very plain and distinct. To the best of my knowledge, it is as good and pretty a specimen of this great rarity as exists. If you desire any other information regarding this or any other coin in the Sale, please do not hesitate to write or wire me.

I look forward with a great deal of interest to your bids for any of the specimens that may interest you and I assure you of my very best personal attention. Your bids will be executed just as faithfully as if you had yourself been present at the Sale.

With kind regards,

Yours very cordially,



April 27, 1925.

Mr. B. Max Mehl,
Fort Worth,
Texas.

Dear Mr. Mehl:-

Thanks very much for your letter of the 21st instant. There are only four pieces in your sale of May 5th that are not in my collection and they are all in such poor condition, that, despite the rarity of three of them, I am not anxious to get them. I am willing nevertheless to put in the enclosed bids on the chance that other collectors feel as I do and that the bidding will not go excessively high.

I return the British Indian Medal sent in your letter of April 17th. I am not collecting these medals but thank you very much for offering it.

Very truly yours,

JUG/S

B. MAX MEHL
NUMISMATIST
FORT WORTH TEXAS

The "Romance
of the
Pioneer Sale"

Oct. 1
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[illegible]. John W. Garrett,
[illegible], Md.

My dear Mr. Garrett:-

Thank you very much for your kind note of the 22nd inst. enclosing your bids on Lots No. 1°, 41 and 52.

You state in your letter that there are four coins in the Sale that interest you but your bids only cover three. Did you overlook one or did you decide not to bid on the fourth? If you decide to bid on the other coin, kindly wire me at my expense.

While the Mormon coin is not in as good state of preservation as we would like, nevertheless it is a great rarity that is worthy of a home in any collection. But the Oregon $10. and the Shults $5. are as good, I believe, as are known.

Again thanking you, and with kind regards,

Cordially yours,

B. Max Mehl

B. MAX MEHL
NUMISMATIST
FORT WORTH TEXAS

The "Romance
of the
Pioneer Sale"

May
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Mr. John W. Garrett,
Baltimore, Md.

My dear Mr. Garrett:-

Just forwarded to you lot No. 11, the Chulte & Co. $5.00 gold piece which I purchased for you at $1250.00. I congratulate you on its purchase, as I consider it a genuine bargain. I trust it will open up to your entire satisfaction.

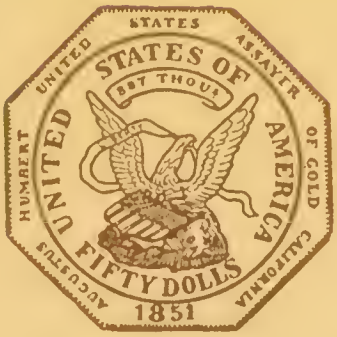
Lot No. 49, the Oregon $10.00 brought $1600.00 and the Mormon $10.00 brought $765.00 and on both of these coins I had higher bids.

If I can be of any other service to you now or later, I shall be mighty glad to hear from you.

Thanking you very kindly, and with kind regards,

Cordially yours,

BM/MP.



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B. MAX MEHL
NUMISMATIST
FORT WORTH TEXAS

To Mr. John W. Garrett,

Garrett Bldg., Baltimore, Md.

Sale 71

Folio 54

May 7, 1925.

LOT No	No. of PIECES		
12			$ 1250.00

MAY 18 1925
RECEIVED PAYMENT
Your Business is Appreciated
B. Max Mehl,
by M. Ferguson
Thank you

May 13, 1925.

Mr. B. Max Mehl,
Fort Worth,
Texas.

Dear Mr. Mehl:-

I have received the Schultz coin which is satisfactory considering its rarity, although it is in pretty poor condition. I send you my check herewith in payment for it.

I thought I sent you a $1.00 for the price list of the sale, but in case I did not I have added $1.00 to my check which you can return to me in the event you have already received a $1.00 for me on that account.

Yours very truly,

JWG/S

B. MAX MEHL
NUMISMATIST

FORT WORTH TEXAS

The "Romance
of the
Pioneer Sale"

May
18,
1 9 2 5.

Mr. John W. Garrett,
Baltimore, Md.

Dear Mr. Garrett:-

Thank you very much for your prompt remittance for $250.00 in settlement of the purchases I made for you at my Sale of the Judge Cook Collection.

While the Shults piece is not in as choice state of preservation as we would have liked to have had it, but it is in acceptable condition. However, if at any time you secure a better specimen and you wish to turn this one, I assure you that I shall be glad to handle it for you at the same price or even better.

Although I find no record of your order for a Price List of the Sale, but as you recall having sent it and as we were so ruched at the time, it may have been inadvertently overlooked so I am herewith returning your check for $1.00. The Price List will be ready for distribution tomorrow and a copy of it will be promptly sent you.

Again thanking you,

Cordially yours,

BMM/MF.

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C. Max Mehl
McAlpin Hotel, N.Y.
Have only one which don't care to sell.
John W Garrett

Rent C.O.D.

B. MAX MEHL
NUMISMATIST
MEHL BUILDING
FORT WORTH, TEXAS

October 27, 1925.

Mr. John W. Garrett,
Baltimore, Md.

My dear Mr. Garrett:-

Enclosed is conformation of telegram sent you today. While I haven't yet seen the catalog of the Wilson Sale, I know something about the extent of the collection and feel confident that there are many items in it in which you may be interested and if so, I would greatly appreciate the pleasure of handling your bids at the sale.

If similar services rendered you by me in the past justify your placing your bids in this sale with me, I will greatly appreciate a word from you at your earliest possible convenience.

If you so desire I can easily arrange to stop off in Baltimore on my way to New York, leaving here a day or so sooner. We can then personally discuss your bids and you can give me your verbal instructions regarding them.

With kind personal regards,

Cordially yours,

B.M.M./MF.

October 30, 1925.

Mr. B. Max Mehl,
Fort Worth,
Texas.

Dear Mr. Mehl:-

I have not seen a catalogue of the Wilson sale and do not know whether I shall be interest in it or not, so I cannot make any promise as to letting you handle my bids. If I do want your assiatance I shall let you know so that I could see you either at Baltimore or New York before the sale.

Very truly yours,

JWG/S

December 27, 1926.

Mr. John Riley,
American Numismatic Society,
Broadway and 156th St.,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Riley:-

I bought an oban at Mehl's sale the other day. It was catalogued by him as Genroku, Munroe VII, but I do not feel at all sure that it is Genroku. I am sending it on to you by registered mail and I would appreciate it very much if you would have a look at it and tell me what it is and then send it back to me.

With best wishes for the New Year,

Sincerely yours,

JMG/S

165 EAST 71st STREET
NEW YORK CITY

December 29th 1926.

Mr John W. Garrett.
Baltimore, Md.

Dear Mr Garrett:-

Your draw arrived this morning.

It is a well preserved example of the Tempo issue. The date is supposed to be the 9th year of Tempo, or 1838. It is illustrated in plates 11 and 12 in Munro. It can not be a Genuine because the style of the writing is of the Tempo period; also it lacks the gen (=π) on the reverse. Hood and I have conferred and are agreed on these findings. I am glad to have a chance to compare your specimen.

Wishing you a Happy New Year,

Yours sincerely-

John Kelly Jr.

December 31, 1926.

Mr. B. Max Mehl,
Fort Worth,
Texas.

Dear Mr. Mehl:-

I enclose my check herewith for $141.75 in payment for the assay ingots which you bought for me at your recent sale. I am returning in two separate packages the Manen oban, which, as you say, is not up to the mark, and the large silver assay bar which you se me on approval but which I do not want. I am also returning the "Genroku" oban which you purchased for me. I am sure you will find on careful investigation that this was unfortunately wrongly catalogued at your sale. I compared it very carefully with a Tempo oban in my collection as soon as I received it, as well as with the plates in Munro, and then forwarded it to the American Numismatic Society in New York for their opinion. Mr. Riley and Mr. Woods have both carefully examined it and write me that it is undoubtedly a Tempo and not a Genroku oban, and that the identification as such is quite clear for several reasons including the absence of one of the four, namely the "Gen" counterstamp on the reverse.

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With best wishes for a successful and Happy New Year,

Sincerely yours,

B. MAX MEHL
NUMISMATIST
MEHL BUILDING
FORT WORTH, TEXAS

December
Seventh,
1 9 2 6.

Mr. John W. Garrett,
Baltimore, Md.

Dear Mr. Garrett:-

I find your kind note and bids upon my return to the office after an absence of two weeks, the cause of which you have been advised by my Secretary.

I thank you for your bids and assure you that they will have my personal and best attention on the day of sale.

With regard to lots No. 159 and 257, these are really "unknown quantities", as they are seldom if ever offered either at private sale or at auction. But there is not a great deal of demand for them. There are only a few collectors who are interested and I believe that they will be purchased for a nominal price. I believe, if you feel inclined to leave the matter in my hands, you will be satisfied with the prices I may be able to purchase them for you. In fact, in order to protect you, I have entered bids for them in your behalf, which of course are subject to your cancellation, or rather I shall not execute them finally until I hear definitely from you.

Regarding lot No. 1737, the two volumes of Maillet, this is quite a rare set and in my opinion it would not surprise me to see the two volumes bring anywhere from $15.00 to $30.00.

If there is anything else I can do for you do not hesitate to call on me.

With kind personal regards,

Cordially yours,

BMM/MF.

B. MAX MEHL
NUMISMATIST
FORT WORTH TEXAS

Auction Department

December 16th, 1926.

Mr. J. W. Garrett,
Baltimore, Md.

My dear Mr. Garrett:-

Enclosed is report on the purchases I made for you at my Sale just closed and trust the results will prove to your satisfaction.

The gold and silver Bars, I believe, I purchased for you at very fair prices. I passed up the first Oban as the signatures were considerably rubbed off and I did not consider it anywhere near perfect condition as you stipulated, and it would have been necessary for me to go the limit on it.

However, I did purchase for you lot 545, which I know will measure up to your expectations, and lot 546 which is not as perfect as I would have hoped but as I was able to buy it at so much below your bids for it, I thought the coin would appeal to you, but if not you may return it.

As you are interested in Assay Bars, I am sending you one, on approval, which I happen to have in stock. Of course, it is returnable if not satisfactory.

The Sale was a mighty fine success and I thank you for your part of it.

With all good wishes for the holiday season,

Yours very cordially,

BMM/NB.

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FORT WORTH, TEXAS

January
Seventh,
1 9 2 7.

Mr. John W. Garrett,

Baltimore, Md.

Dear Sir:-

This is to acknowledge and thank you for your remittance for $141.75 and the return of the two gold pieces and the Assay bar. Your account will be properly credited with this.

Mr. Mehl is out of the city just now but as soon as he returns, in about two weeks, the information you give regarding the Oban will be called to his attention.

Yours very truly,

M. Ferguson

Secretary.

B. MAX MEHL
NUMISMATIST
FORT WORTH TEXAS

Auction Department

January 18, 1927.

Mr. John W. Garrett,
Baltimore, Md.

My dear Mr. Garrett:-

Have just returned from New York and find your good letter of the 31st ult. with complete returns in settlement of your account in full to date.

My Secretary forwarded me a copy of your letter to New York and I took the matter up with Mr. Imhoff while there. He assures me that the Oban is just as described, as he purchased it from Mr. Schulman from Amsterdam a number of years ago.

However, I do not want you nor anyone else to have anything of me, whether from my sales or otherwise, that does not in every way come up to their expectations and satisfaction and I would always much rather you return than keep a lot that is not just exactly what you want.

These curious foreign pieces are difficult to accurately describe, but since they were described by Mr. Schulman, I thought that surely they were just as they should be. But I find that there is always a possibility of a misunderstanding or rather difference of opinion on things of that sort, and as mentioned before, I am always glad to adjust the matter to your entire satisfaction.

I saw Mr. Markus and Mr. Wormser in New York and they told me of the wonderful things they had seen in

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your collection and I hope some day to have the same opportunity and pleasure.

With kind regards,

Cordially yours,

B. Max Mehl

BMM/MF.

March 14, 1927.

Mr. B. Max Mehl,
Fort Worth,
Texas.

Dear Mr. Mehl:-

I shall be much obliged if you would send me on approval the following coins in your circular No. 11 of March, 1927 :-

Page		
5	1849, California Model Half Eagle. Silvered	$12.
8	Macao, wooden gambling token	1.25
9	Honduras, 1921, Peso.	25.
9	Nicaragua, 1820, 1 Scudo	5.
9	Nicaragua, 1765, Doubloon	27.50
10	Santiago, 1807, Doubloon	27.50
28	1829, Andrew Jackson	52.50
28	1853, President Pierce	52.
48	Sesquicentennial Half Dollar	1.50
48	Sesquicentennial $2.50 gold piece	4.50
	(I want only very choice specimen of last two)	

Yours very truly,

JWG/S

April 4, 1927.

Mr. B. Max Mehl,
Fort Worth,
Texas.

Dear Mr. Mehl:-

I am keeping all of the coins in your last invoice except one which I return herewith, and enclose my check in payment of the remainder. I have looked over the catalogue of your forth-coming sale, but there is nothing in it I care to bid on.

Yours very truly,

JMG/S

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of all Countries and Periods

APPROVAL DEPARTMENT

FORT WORTH, TEXAS April 18, 19 27.

Mr. John W. Garrett,
Baltimore, Md.

My dear Mr. Garrett:-

Your good letter of the 4th inst. enclosing remittance for $187.50 and the return of one coin in full settlement of invoice of the 24th ult. reached me during the midst of my sale and I could not give it earlier attention. I thank you very much for your prompt remittance and glad to know that most of the coins of the consignment met with your approval.

At any time I can be of any service to you, shall be mighty glad to hear from you.

Am going abroad next month and if there is anything I can do for you in a numismatic way I shall be mighty glad to be entrusted with your commissions which I assure you I shall be delighted to execute faithfully for you.

Again thanking you, and with kind regards,

Cordially yours,

BEM/MF.

QUOTATIONS CHEERFULLY MADE WITHOUT THE SLIGHTEST OBLIGATION ON YOUR PART. SELECTIONS FROM MY LARGE STOCK SENT ON APPROVAL TO PARTIES WHOSE GOOD STANDING IS KNOWN TO ME.

B. MAX MEHL
NUMISMATIST
MEHL BUILDING
FORT WORTH, TEXAS

April
22,
19 27.

Mr. John W. Garrett,
Baltimore, Md.

My dear Mr. Garrett:-

Since the publication of my reprint of the Hazeltine Type Table and my addition thereto of the list of 1804 Dollars, have received numerous inquiries of requests and complaints, as is usual whenever new publications appear.

These communications are welcomed by me, as my purpose for republishing Hazeltine's was more or less to bring out either the unknown or unpublished facts regarding the series covered in that work.

From some comment received I believe that my list of the 1804 Dollars is not complete nor entirely correct. One friend informs me that you possess an 1804 Dollar not given on my list. If so, first of all I want you to know that the omission was not intentional and shall be glad to have any information you may care to give me regarding the 1804 Dollar or Dollars you may possess in your collection.

Thanking you, and with kind regards,

Cordially yours,

BMM/Mf.

April 28, 1927.

Mr. B. Max Mehl,
Fort Worth,
Texas.

Dear Mr. Mehl:-

I have your letter of April 22nd in regard to the 1804 dollar in my collection. I have only one which was in the collection of my father, the late T. Harrison Garrett and was obtained by him from the Borg collection in 1883. It is apparently the one numbered 9 in your list. It is the one described in the American Journal of Numismatics, Vol. 25, as number 100. It is in fine condition. Your number 13, which is accredited to me, never belonged to me, and the one above is the only one that I have. I bought part of the Ellsworth collection but did not buy the 1804 dollar which belonged to him. That was bought by Mr. Wayte Raymond and I do not know who is now possessor of it. I think Mr. Raymond bought your number 3 which was also in the Ellsworth collection.

Yours very truly,

JWG/S

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FORT WORTH, TEXAS

September
13th,
1 9 2 7.

Mr. John W. Garrett,
Baltimore, Maryland.

My dear Mr. Garrett:

According to my records, you are interested in the Japan gold Oban. Enclosed is a choice specimen I brought back with me from Europe. While it is not the rarest variety, but it is an unusually nice one and I thought best to save time in writing and simply submit it to you. A report at your convenience will be appreciated.

My first trip to Europe was a most interesting one both from pleasure and numismatics, having purchased quite a number of very nice coins, although, of course, not a great many rarities.

However, the present season promises to be a most active one and if you have any duplicates or any portion of your collection you may care to dispose of, I shall be very pleased to hear from you.

Trusting that you are enjoying good health and with kind regards,

Cordially yours,

BMM/LL

QUOTATIONS CHEERFULLY MADE WITHOUT THE SLIGHTEST OBLIGATION ON YOUR PART. SELECTIONS FROM MY LARGE STOCK FURNISHED FOR APPROVAL TO PARTIES WHOSE GOOD STANDING IS KNOWN TO ME.

September 27, 1927.

Mr. B. Max Mohl,
Fort Worth,
Texas.

Dear Mr. Mohl:-

Thank you very much for letting me see the Oban. I already have a good one of this series and I am therefore returning it to you.

Very truly yours,

J.O/B

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